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Letter dated 4 April 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to notify you of continued violations of the ceasefire resolution and the Tehran agreement concerning the area of separation between Iraq and Iran that were committed by the Iranian side between 19 February and 13 March 2000, as shown in the list annexed hereto.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Iranian violations of the ceasefire and the 1991 Tehran agreement, 19 February-13 March 2000

1. *19 February 2000*

At 0230 hours the Iranians directed concentrated fire from GC assault rifles at a United Arab Emirates vessel in the Shatt al-Arab off the Fada'iyah area at coordinates 2743 (1:100,000 map of Saybah). The superstructure of the vessel, which carries oil, was damaged and it was brought to a halt.

2. *19-20 February 2000*

At 2230 hours the Iranians launched illumination flares in the area between the Salah al-Din post and the Hurriyah post and sounds of firing and banging were heard from inside Iranian territory.

3. *23 February 2000*

(a) The Iranians reinforced the mound opposite Faw city at coordinates 3721 (1:100,000 map of Faw) by installing a machine-gun nearby pointing towards the city.

(b) The terrain at coordinates 5918 (1:100,000 map of Mina' al-Bakr), between the tubular bridge and the customs control post for the southern region in Shatt al-Arab city, was reinforced by the installation nearby of a machine-gun pointing towards our territory.

4. *24 February 2000*

An Iranian military helicopter flew over Iranian territory opposite Iraq's Sayhah post, the Ayn Naft mound and the Khalid post in the Badrah sector. It then returned towards the Iranian rear.

5. *28 February 2000*

At 1800 hours three military personnel infiltrated from the area opposite the Bakhliyah border post at coordinates 345745 and directed light-weapons fire at the post. The post returned fire.

6. *28 February 2000*

At 1000 hours, Adnan Alwan, a resident of Bikah village in Khanaqin district, was abducted while tending sheep inside Iraqi territory in the Zayn al-Qaws area by two armed elements carrying assault rifles for whom an Iranian military vehicle was waiting inside Iranian territory close to the boundary with Iraq.

7. *1 March 2000*

At 2000 hours some of the Iranian positions along the shore in the area opposite Sayhan at coordinates 324569 and opposite Bid'ah island at coordinates 308598 engaged in intermittent random firing in the air. At 0500 on 2 March the shooting stopped.

8. *8 March 2000*

An Iranian helicopter was seen inside Iranian territory opposite our units at coordinates 7815 (1:100,000 map of Khazinah).

9. *9 March 2000*

At 0800 hours the Iranians proceeded with the clear-burning of the reed-beds along the Iranian shore opposite the Faw area at coordinates 342233 (1:100,000 map of Faw).

10. *13 March 2000*

At 0930 hours a military helicopter was seen coming from the Iranian rear and hovering over Iran's Karbulah post at coordinates 4213 (1:100,000 map of Khanaqin). It continued to hover for three minutes and then returned towards the Iranian rear.

11. *13 March 2000*

At 1015 hours a remotely piloted reconnaissance aircraft was seen heading from the Iranian rear towards our national territory on a course from Greater Ak Dağ to Lesser Ak Dağ and flying over our units at an altitude of 2,000 metres. It was engaged by our ground-based anti-aircraft units, and at 1020 hours they succeeded in bringing it down at coordinates 2813. The aircraft had been used to reconnoitre and photograph our forward units.

12. *13 March 2000*

At 1725 hours a white remotely piloted reconnaissance aircraft was seen coming from the Iranian rear on a course from Greater Ak Dağ along the international boundary line and heading south at an altitude of 2,000 metres inside Iranian territory before disappearing in the direction of the Iranian rear. It was being used to reconnoitre and photograph our forward units.